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Mr. Salvador Deocampo
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Federal Highway Administration
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RE: Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) Trinity Parkway, Dallas County, Texas

Dear Mr. Deocampo:

In accordance with our responsibilities under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 6 office in Dallas, Texas has reviewed the Federal Highway Administration, the Texas Department of Transportation and the North Texas Tollway Authority, Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) prepared for the proposed Trinity Parkway from IH-35 E/SH-183 to US-175/SH-310 located in Dallas County, Texas.

EPA commented on the Limited Scope Supplemental Draft EIS (LSSDEIS) on May 18, 2012, in which the EIS was rated as, "EC-2", i.e. EPA has "environmental concerns and requests additional information". EPA is pleased that the FEIS includes additional analysis of the proposed action to address our concerns. However further discussion on compliance with the Section 404(b)(1) Guidelines is necessary. We believe such discussion is beyond that which is required by NEPA. EPA will make its final review and comment on Section 404 once the applicant has submitted its final design and mitigation plan to the Army Corps of Engineers. Pre-application consultation with the appropriate Federal and state resource agencies is recommended to expedite the permit review process."

EPA appreciates the opportunity to review the FEIS. Please note that a copy of this letter will be published on our website, <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/eisdata.html>, in order to fulfill our responsibility under Section 309 of the CAA to inform the public of our views on the proposed Federal action. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me or Michael Jansky of my staff at (214) 665-8006 or (214) 665-7438 or via email at smith.rhonda@epa.gov or jasnky.michael@epa.gov respectively for assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rhonda Smith", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Rhonda Smith
Chief, Office of Planning and
Coordination